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COMMUNICATIONS
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FREE TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS TO MTNL EMPLOYEES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided/propose to provide free telephone connections to all the employees of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred/likely to be involved as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir. Only Telephones at concessional tariff are being provided.

(b) Terms and conditions for grant of concessional telephone facility to serving employees of MTNL are indicated in order no. MTNL/IRW/27(107)99/JNC/157 dated 8/2/2001 (Copy enclosed).

(c) On a continuing basis, the out flow of expenses is limited to Rs. 250/- per month per eligible employee.

ANNEXURE

No. MTNL/IRW/27 (107)/91/JNC

Dated: 8.2.2001

Sub: Grant of Concessional Telephone Facility to serving employees of MTNL.

Orders were issued under this Office letter No. MTNL/IRW/21 (82)/99/JNC/2453 dated 7.3.2000 for providing residential service telephone connection to all the regular serving employees of MTNL who have completed 16 years of service. Consequent to the issue of orders from DOT under their No.2-09/98/PHA (Part.-1) dated 28th September, 2000 granting concessional telephone facility to all the regular serving employees of DOT, DTS and DTO, employees of MTNL had been demanding extension of this facility to them also. In order to keep the employees motivated, it has been decided to extend the facility to all the remaining serving employees of MTNL with immediate effect.The terms governing the provision for the employees with less than 16 years of service shall be as follows:

(i) All regular serving employees of MTNL with less than 16 years of service who are entitled for a residential telephone connection, can register their request for telephone without registration charges, in the enclosed Proforma.

(ii) No installation charges would be payable by the employees for installation of phone.

(iii) No rental will be charged from the service employee (The quantum of rental reckoned for this purpose is as on date of issue of instructions). Any increase in rental in future, will be borne by the employees themselves.

(iv) the employees will not be required to pay one year`s advance rental as Security deposit.

(v) the number of free calls admissible would be as applicable to normal telephone subscriber`s. Calls beyond the permissible limit would be charged and payable by the employees.

(vi) The serving employees who are already having a telephone connection at their residence in their name in private account, can seek exemption from payment of rental on that telephone. Refund of applicable Security deposit to such telephones will be allowed.

(vii) No STD facility will normally be provided to these telephones.

2. The concession will be admissible to all Non-Executive employees appointed/absorbed in MTNL on regular basis which includes, Civil, Electrical, Architectural Wing and Accounts and Finance staff, for the period they work in MTNL.

3. The facility will be admissible to those employees of MTNL who proceed on deputation to other Ministries/Departments during their tenure of deputation to such organizations, provided no such facility is given by the borrowing organization.

4. The employees of such Ministries/Departments etc. coming on deputation/deemed deputation to MTNL, will also be entitled to this facility during the tenure of their deputation in MTNL provided no residential service connection is given to them by the parent organization.

5. The serving employees will be required to furnish a valid documentary proof of their being a regular employee of the MTNL.A certificate countersigned by the Controlling Officer that no residential service telephone connection has been sanctioned for the concerned employee will have to be furnished as per the attached Specimen.

6. In case the orders issued by the DOT for grant of concessional telephone facility to serving employees for DOT/DTS and DTO (now BSNL) under their letter No. 2-09/98 PHA (Part. I) dated 28th September, 2000 are withdrawn in view of the Supreme Court judgement in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 375 of 2000 filed by common cause, these orders issued for MTNL, employees shall also stand withdrawn. The employees shall be required to furnish an undertaking to this effect in the enclosed proforma.

7. All executives, Gr. A & B Officers, JAOs, JEs (Civil), JEs (Electricals) and Non-executives with 16 years or on completion of 16 years of service shall be provided residential service telephone connection with usual call limits of 1150 bimonthly.

Sd/-

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